

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

1. (Original) A merchandise display adapter system, comprising:
 - a merchandise display fixture comprising a plurality of compartments, each compartment having a first dimension for displaying a merchandise package having a first size;
 - a vertical display panel having a top, a bottom, and two sides, the vertical display panel having a second dimension for displaying a merchandise package having a second size;
 - a support leg extending transversely from the bottom of the display panel and capable of supporting the display panel in an upright position, the support leg removably attachable to a horizontal surface in at least one of the plurality of merchandise display fixture compartments;
 - and
 - a package support means for displaying a merchandise package, the package support means attachable to the display panel,wherein when the support leg is attached to the at least one merchandise display fixture compartment, the merchandise display fixture is adapted to display the merchandise package having the second size.
2. (Original) The merchandise display adapter system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of compartments comprises a terraced arrangement in the merchandise display fixture.
3. (Original) The merchandise display adapter system of claim 1, wherein the vertical display panel further comprises a rigid display panel.
4. (Original) The merchandise display adapter system of claim 1, wherein the vertical display panel is removably attachable to a vertical surface of the merchandise display fixture.

5. (Original) The merchandise display adapter system of claim 1, the display panel having a width,

wherein a support leg extension member having a width less than the width of the display panel extends downwardly from and in the same plane as the vertical display panel,

wherein the support leg extends transversely from the support leg extension member, and

wherein the support leg extension member has a height greater than a height of a divider between the display fixture compartments.

6. (Original) The merchandise display adapter system of claim 5, wherein the support leg further comprises at least two spaced-apart support legs.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The merchandise display adapter system of claim 1, wherein a portion of the plurality of compartments of the merchandise display fixture is adapted to display the merchandise package having the second size.

10. (Original) The merchandise display adapter system of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of compartments of the merchandise display fixture is adapted to display the merchandise package having the second size.

11. (Original) The merchandise display adapter system of claim 1, wherein the package support means further comprises a package support arm and a bracket attached to the package support arm for connecting the package support arm to the display panel.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The merchandise display adapter system of claim 11, wherein the display panel further comprises a J-shaped channel disposed from one side to the other side adjacent to the top

of the display panel and wherein the bracket is adapted to slidingly fit into the J-shaped channel for adjusting the position of the package support arm laterally along the channel to adapt the merchandise display fixture to display merchandise packages having varying widths.

14. (Original) The merchandise display adapter system of claim 11, wherein the display panel further comprises a plurality of spaced-apart bracket-receiving slots adjacent the top of the display panel, and wherein the bracket further comprises a flange extending upwardly from the bracket and offset from the plane of the bracket in an "S-shaped" configuration, such that the flange is capable of being inserted upwardly into one of the plurality of bracket-receiving slots in the display panel.

15. (Original) The merchandise display adapter system of claim 11, wherein the package support arm is adapted to receive merchandise packages having a hanging means.

16. (Original) The merchandise display adapter system of claim 1, wherein the display panel and the support leg comprise acrylic, wood, metal, or corrugated paper.

17. (Original) The merchandise display adapter system of claim 1, wherein the merchandise display fixture comprises a fixture for displaying hosiery and the merchandise package comprises a hosiery package.

18-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ merchandise display adapter of claim 22, for adapting a terraced merchandise display fixture having fixed size compartments to display merchandise packages having varying sizes, comprising:

a vertical display panel having a top, a bottom, and two sides, the vertical display panel having a display area size different than the fixed size of the compartments;

a support leg extending transversely from the bottom of the display panel and capable of supporting the display panel in an upright position, the support leg removably attachable to a horizontal surface in the merchandise display fixture compartments; and

a package support means for displaying a merchandise package, the package support means attachable to the display panel and having a package support arm and a bracket attached to the package support arm for connecting the package support arm to the display panel,

wherein the display panel further comprises a J-shaped channel disposed from one side to the other side adjacent to the top of the display panel and wherein the bracket is adapted to slidably fit into the J-shaped channel for adjusting the position of the package support arm laterally along the channel to adapt the merchandise display fixture to display merchandise packages having varying widths.

25-28. (Canceled)

29. (Original) A method for adapting a terraced merchandise display fixture comprising a plurality of fixed size compartments to display merchandise packages having varying sizes, comprising:

providing a merchandise display adapter comprising a vertical display panel having a top, a bottom, and two sides, the vertical display panel having a display area size different than the fixed size of the compartments, a support leg extending transversely from the bottom of the display panel and capable of supporting the display panel in an upright position, the support leg removably attachable to a horizontal surface in the merchandise display fixture compartments, and a package support means for displaying a merchandise package, the package support means attachable to the display panel;

placing the display panel in at least one display fixture compartment; and
attaching the support leg to the at least one display fixture compartment.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the display panel further comprises a width,

the merchandise display adapter further comprising a support leg extension member having a width less than the width of the display panel and extending downwardly from and in the same plane as the vertical display panel,

wherein the support leg extends transversely from the support leg extension member, and

wherein the support leg extension member has a height greater than a height of a divider between the display fixture compartments.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the support leg further comprises at least two spaced-apart support legs.

32. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the compartments are terraced in rows, the method further comprising placing the display panel in alternating rows of the compartments, wherein alternating rows of the compartments are adapted to display merchandise packages having varying sizes.

33. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the compartments are terraced in rows, the method further comprising placing the display panel in each row of the compartments, wherein each row of the compartments is adapted to display merchandise packages having varying sizes.

34. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the package support means further comprises a package support arm and a bracket attached to the package support arm for connecting the package support arm to the display panel.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the display panel further comprises a J-shaped channel disposed from one side to the other side adjacent to the top of the display panel and wherein the bracket is adapted to slidingly fit into the J-shaped channel, the method further

comprising adjusting the position of the package support arm laterally along the channel to adapt the merchandise display fixture to display merchandise packages having varying widths.

37. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the display panel further comprises a plurality of spaced-apart bracket-receiving slots adjacent the top of the display panel, and wherein the bracket further comprises a flange extending upwardly from the bracket and offset from the plane of the bracket in an "S-shaped" configuration, such that the flange is capable of being inserted upwardly into one of the plurality of bracket-receiving slots in the display panel.

38. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the package support arm is adapted to receive merchandise packages having a hanging means.

39. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the merchandise display fixture comprises a fixture for displaying hosiery and the merchandise package comprises a hosiery package.

40. (Canceled)